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 THE PETITION OF )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ ) Adoption Case No. A- \_\_\_\_\_  
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 FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD. )

The Petitioner(s) in this case is/are \_\_\_\_\_ . The Petitioner(s) represent(s) the following to this Court:

1. That this Court has jurisdiction under the provision of D.C. Code § 16-301, et. seq. in that (the Petitioner(s) is/are legal resident(s) of the District of Columbia and has/have been for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years.) (The Petitioner(s) has/have been [a resident][residents] of the District of Columbia since \_\_\_\_\_ , which is at least one year next preceding the filing of the petition.) (The prospective adoptee, \_\_\_\_\_ , is in the legal care, custody, or control of [the Child and Family Services Agency] [ \_\_\_\_\_ ], a child-placing agency licensed by the District of Columbia.)

2. The Petitioner(s) is/are/are not married. They were married on \_\_\_\_\_. (If the Petitioners are not married, state the nature of their relationship.)

3. The Petitioner(s) reside(s) at \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. The first Petitioner, (name), was born on (dob) and is \_\_\_\_\_ (age). This Petitioner is (race) and is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion.

5. The first Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, is employed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the position of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The second Petitioner, (name), was born on (dob) and is (age). This Petitioner is (race) and is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
7. The second Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, is employed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the position of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The prospective adoptee is a young boy/girl, who is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, was born on (dob) in (place). The prospective adoptee is (race) and a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
9. The prospective adoptee is the Petitioner'(s)' (relationship to the Petitioner).
10. (The Petitioner(s) is/are (not) requesting an adoption subsidy.) (An adoption subsidy agreement has (not) been entered into prior to the filing of this Petition. The status of the subsidy agreement is \_\_\_\_\_.) (The prospective adoptee will (not) qualify for an adoption subsidy as the prospective adoptee is \_\_\_\_\_ years old and \_\_\_\_\_.)
11. The Petitioner(s) has/have (not) received the complete medical, social, or background information on the prospective adoptee.
12. On information and belief, the prospective adoptee's birth mother is \_\_\_\_\_. Her last known address is \_\_\_\_\_. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ is (race) and a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion. (The birth mother's identity and/or location is unknown and the following efforts have been made to obtain this information: \_\_\_\_\_.)
13. On information and belief, the prospective adoptee's birth father is \_\_\_\_\_. His last known address is \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is (race) and a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion. (The birth father's identity and/or location is unknown and the following efforts have been made to obtain this information: \_\_\_\_\_.)

14. (The prospective adoptee was placed in the care of the Petitioner(s) on (date ) (The prospective adoptee was placed in the Petitioner'(s') care on (date) by Child and Family Services Agency.) (The prospective adoptee is not residing with the Petitioner because: .)

15. (There is/are [no] executed original written consent(s) signed by (mother/father/guardian). (There is/are [no] relinquishment(s) of parental rights signed by the biological parent(s).) (There is/are [no] order(s) terminating parental rights by a court of competent jurisdiction.) (There is [not] an affidavit by the putative father denying paternity and/or an affidavit by the birth mother that the birth father is unknown.)

16. The name and address of the agency responsible for securing any required consent or relinquishment of birth parent(s) is .

17. The name an address of the birth parent(s), who have not executed a consent and the reason a consent has not been executed is as follows: .

18. The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) (D.C. Code Sec. 32.1041 et. seq.) (is) (is not) applicable to this adoption due to the fact that . (Approval has (not) been received prior to the filing of this petition.) (*Rule requires copy of approval if received.*)

19. (The Indian Child Welfare Act (Title 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1901 et. seq.) is not applicable to this adoption.) (The Indian Child Welfare Act (Title 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1901 et. seq.) is applicable to this adoption and there has (not) been compliance with the Act.)

20. (The prospective adoptee has been the subject of a neglect case, N- . Judge (name) is assigned to hear periodic neglect reviews in this matter.) (Other court actions involving the prospective adoptee, which have been initiated or pending within the prior five years are .) (There are no [other] court actions involving the prospective adoptee, which have been initiated or pending within the prior five years.)

21. During the past 10 years, the Petitioner(s) has/have not been a party in a personal capacity in any criminal, civil, or domestic matters, except that Petitioner(s) was/were made a party in the adoptee's neglect case and .

22. The combined assets of the prospective adoptee do not exceed \$3,000.00. (*If incorrect, itemize all assets.*)

23. The prospective adoptee is physically, mentally, and otherwise suitable for adoption by the Petitioner(s).

24. The Petitioner(s) is/are fit and able to give the prospective adoptee a proper home and education.

25. The adoption is in the best interest of the prospective adoptee.

26. The Petitioner(s) desire(s) to have conferred upon the prospective adoptee the same status the prospective adoptee would have if the Petitioner(s) was/were the prospective adoptee's natural parent(s).

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner(s) pray(s):

1. That an interlocutory/final decree of adoption be entered establishing the relationship of parent and child for all purposes between the Petitioner(s) and the prospective adoptee.

2. That the name of the prospective adoptee be changed to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That this Court issue an order of reference with a copy of the Petition attached to be served upon Child and Family Services Agency for the purpose of verifying the allegations contained in the Petition. A report is to be made to the Court within 90 days regarding the advisability of the proposed adoption.
4. That the Court waive the requirement of a written consent by the biological (mother) (father) (parents) if that person(s) after such notice as the Court directs, cannot be located, or has abandoned the prospective adoptee and voluntarily failed to contribute to his/her support for a period of at least six months next preceding the date of the filing of the petition.
5. That the Court waive the requirement of a written consent by the biological (mother) (father) (parents) if the Court finds pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-304 that the consent or consents are withheld contrary to the best interest of the child.
6. For such other and further relief as may seem just and proper to the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2004  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_, 2004  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ss:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_)

Petitioner(s), being first sworn, testify that (he/she/they) have read the Petition for Adoption and understand its terms and believe that the statements contained in this Petition are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
200\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk/ Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner's Counsel's signature)

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(Petitioner's Counsel's Office Address)  
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